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Letter dated 23 March 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with instructions received from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 4 January 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to you communicating the text of a press communiqué issued on 3 January 2000 by the Government of the Argentine Republic on the question of the Falkland Islands (A/54/701).

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has no doubt about the sovereignty of the United Kingdom over the Falkland Islands and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and rejects as unfounded the claim by the Government of the Argentine Republic to sovereignty over those islands and the surrounding maritime areas and that the Falkland Islands are under illegal occupation by the United Kingdom.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of the present note to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 52.

(*Signed*) Jeremy **Greenstock**

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